

VALE'S CASE AIRED BEFORE COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL CONTENTION IS FOR MAIL SERVICE—POSTMASTER DECLARES HIS OFFICE WILL SERVE ONTARIO'S SUBURBS.

DISCLOSURE IS ASTONISHING

Commissioner Miller Announces that Petitions from all Communities Save Vale Seek Continuance of Present Train Schedule.

Sitting in banc the Public Utilities commission, Frank L. Miller, H. H. Corey and Fred G. Buckner, Tuesday and Wednesday, at Vale heard the testimony in the case of The City of Vale against the Oregon Short Line Railway on account of the change in the train schedule.

While this was the purpose of the hearing the thing which interested the Ontarians present was the testimony of Postmaster John P. Huston who declared that Vale is to have an automobile rural route which will carry mail to the people living within three miles of Ontario.

Mr. Huston was emphatic in his statement of this bit of information. He said: "I am sure it will be inaugurated. It is being held up now on account of the present train schedule. However if it goes in we will try to have the department change the time of the carrier so that he will leave Vale at 12 noon instead of 9 o'clock."

The balance of Mr. Huston's testimony on which the burden of Vale's case rested concerned the difference in the time of arrival and departure of mail under the old and the new schedules. Considerable time was also used to display the newspaper preferences of the Vale people.

John Rihy, Leonard Cole and I. W. Hope were the other Vale citizens who

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COMING OF SPRING IS REFLECTED IN STORES

Ontario Shop Windows Taking on Bright Colors in Many Handsome Displays of New Goods.

Ontario stores are beginning to show the effects of the coming of spring. These are hard days for those who have lots of sewing ahead, for the offerings are so varied that selection between the multitude of offerings is difficult.

Be it a new suit a new coat or a new pair of shoes there is something in Ontario emporiums for every need. Never was the varieties so great or the manner of displaying of them better.

A perusal of the ads in this week's issue of the Argus will prove worth while before starting on a shopping trip. This is true any time, so watch for the ads in the Argus and make it your shopping guide.

DEATH CLAIMS FORMER RESIDENT OF ONTARIO

Mrs. D. C. Brett Formerly of Ontario Dies Suddenly at Caldwell while on Visit.

Word was received in Ontario Sunday of the death of Mrs. D. C. Brett, wife of Dr. Brett who until October was a practicing dentist of Ontario for three years. Death came suddenly while Dr. and Mrs. Brett were visiting friends in Caldwell, having gone there from Rosewell where they lived with Mrs. Brett's sister. Beside her husband Mrs. Brett leaves a brother and two sisters. The body was taken to the family home at Mitchellville, Ia., for interment.

The news of Mrs. Brett's death was a distinct shock to the many friends she made during their three years residence in Ontario.

ALL COUNTY HERE TO PAY RESPECTS

FUNERAL OF EX-MAYOR A. W. TROW IS ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS—MANY COME FROM VALE, NYSSA AND COUNTRY.

SCENE AT HALL IMPRESSIVE

Private Services at the Home Followed by Public Viewing Body at City Hall—Interment in Ontario Cemetery—Evidence of Esteem.

From all over Malheur county here came to Ontario last Friday citizens who desired to manifest by their presence at the last rites, the esteem in which they held ex-Mayor A. W. Trow. Never in its history has the city witnessed a demonstration of one man's standing with the people as that evidenced when the body lay in state at the City Hall.

In the hundreds who marched by the coffin of the departed leader were many men with whom he had worked for the up-building of the community. There were some too, who had opposed some of his most ambitious efforts, but like his friends they too by word and deed testified to his worth as a man and a citizen.

The business of Ontario ceased from three to four as a mark of respect and business men of the city united to show their appreciation for what Mr. Trow did for his home town. The school children were present and added to the silent throng.

Simple services were held at the residence at two o'clock, including a reading of scripture and the rites of the service took place at the grave when interment was made.

NEW YORK PRESENTS STARTLING CONTRASTS

Mrs. H. C. Boyer Witnesses Food Riots in Metropolis—Finds Buying Goods Hard Work These Days—Warm in Nebraska.

Startling contrasts in the condition of the people of New York were particularly manifest to Mrs. H. C. Boyer who returned Tuesday morning from a purchasing trip to the metropolis. On the day before she left the first of the food riots took place and she saw the women of the Eastside marching thru the streets. The antithesis of this was manifested in other circles where business was fairly loaded down with more than could be accommodated.

"The principal change in buying back there now is the inability of manufacturers to deliver the goods. It is almost impossible to place orders. Many of the small manufacturers have gone out of business thru their inability to secure raw material the big firms with long standing contracts for supplies are having difficulty in getting goods and the result is impossible to describe.

After spring-like weather in New York, Mrs. Boyer was surprised to find that chilly weather was still in vogue in Ontario. Coming thru Nebraska Monday it was so warm that curtains were drawn on the south side of the car and the electric fans were pressed into service, so taken from every view point th Ontario buyer experienced sufficient variety to prevent monotony even to an experienced traveler.

MOTHER'S ILLNESS CALLS SUPT. E. G. BAILY EAST

Superintendent E. G. Bailey of the City Schools was called to his old home in Tipton, Iowa, Monday night by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Jennie A. Bailey. On account of her advanced age, 75 years, the son and daughter who reside in Iowa held slight hopes for her recovery and Mr. Bailey was anxious to reach her side before the end came. He expects to remain in Iowa for two weeks at least.

SHADOWS OF WAR CLOUD LOOM BLACK IN PLOT STORY

EVENING PAPERS OF THURSDAY DECLARE THAT PRESIDENT WILSON PERSONALLY VOUCHES FOR AUTHENTICITY OF REPORT OF GERMAN INTRIGUE.

CONGRESS SEEKS ALL INFORMATION POSSIBLE

Party Lines Disappear As Result of Latest Developments—Report Believed to Have Been Made Public at Psychological Moment to Stir Recalcitrant Representatives to a Realization of Conditions.

To say that the entire nation is today standing aghast at the latest developments in the war situation, is putting it mildly indeed.

With only three more days before Congress must adjourn and his first term as President end President Wilson, or some of his official family gave to the Associated Press a report of German intriguing of almost unbelievable audacity. According to the Associated Press story Wilhelmstrasse sought to form an alliance between Germany and Mexico and Japan to engage in war with the United States, promising financial aid and assuring her of division in the fruits of war.

The report goes so far as to say that Germany indicated that Mexico is thus to reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

This is the text of the letter which has set the nation agog:

"Berlin, January 19, 1917.

"On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

"If this attempt is not successful, we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

"You are instructed to inform the president of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States and suggest that the president of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan; at the same time, offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the president of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months.

(Signed) "ZIMMERMAN."

These instructions were transmitted to von Eckhardt through Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country against which he was plotting war.

Germany pictured to Mexico by broad intimation, England and the entente allies defeated; Germany and her allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted warfare.

PRESIDENT CONFIRMS TRUTH OF THE STORY OF ZIMMERMAN NOTE.

Washington, March 1.—President Wilson stands sponsor for the declaration that Germany attempted to plot Japan and Mexico into a conspiracy against the United States.

In a formal statement, Senator Swanson told the senate today:

"President authorizes me to say that the Zimmerman letter to the German embassy in Mexico, proposing an alliance with Japan and Mexico is substantially correct."

U. S. BIOLOGICAL MAN IS HERE TO KILL OFF RABBITS

"That one ounce of strychnine, properly applied will kill 100 rabbits was demonstrated this week at the Scott ranch on Willow Creek," says August F. Taylor of the United States Biological survey who is making his headquarters in Ontario just now studying the pests that attack the rancher's crops.

Mr. Taylor returned this week from Barren Valley where the rabbits were found numerous but the population was reduced after the ranchers organized to fight them. While here Mr. Taylor will study the habits of the ground squirrels of this vicinity and assist in their eradication. While here, in company with County Agent W. W. Howard, Mr. Taylor has been organizing rabbit clubs and presenting to the farmers the methods used by the government to fight the pests.

For the information of those who have not seen Mr. Taylor the Argus prints the following methods of preparing the poison for the rabbits and squirrels furnished by Mr. Taylor: DIRECTIONS FOR POISONING JACK RABBITS. Poisoned Alfalfa Leaves. Dissolve 1 ounce of strychnine sulphate in 2 gallons of hot water and sprinkle over 10 pounds of alfalfa hay leaves. Mix the leaves thoroughly until all moisture is absorbed. The poisoned leaves should be distributed in small handfuls in lines

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ICE, NOT WAR SCARE RESULTS IN GUARDS

WEISER PAPER CARRIES STORY OF FEAR OF OREGON SHORT LINE FOR BRIDGES IN CASE OF WAR—OFFICIALS DENY.

WATER DANGERS STRUCTURES

Following Ice Jam Below Weiser Engineers Examine Property and This Led to Guards Who are Mostly Discharged Militia Men.

Ice and high water, not fear of dynamite in the hands of a Teuton sympathizer, is the cause which led the Oregon Short Line officials to place guards on all its bridges two weeks ago, said Superintendent Knickerbocker while in Ontario Wednesday.

The Weiser American of last week carried a story to the effect that the fearing the possibility of plots to destroy bridges in case the United States become involved in a war with Germany the railroad officials were having the bridges guarded night and day. Such a rumor was also current in Ontario two weeks ago.

"When the ice jam below Weiser got high a few weeks ago," said Mr. Knickerbocker, "we sent an engineer to make an investigation. The report of that investigation showed the possibility of ice and high water damaging the various bridges and as a matter of precaution the bridge walkers were put to work. There was no war scare about it."

In keeping with its offer to place as many of the discharged militia men to work as it could, the railroad company selected its guards from the ranks of the Second Idaho, and this might have given rise to the rumor that the bridge watching was a war measure.

W. W. HINTON MAKES CLEAN-UP ON SHEEP

Band of 2200 Ewes Purchased Last Fall at about \$8.50 per Head Sold this Week for \$13.50.

To make big money in sheep is a common thing these days according to all the reports that are circulated. The latest sale of moment in Ontario was that by which Lund & Carlson of Wild Horse came into possession of the 2200 ewes which W. W. Hinton wintered near the city.

These ewes, according to reports were purchased late last fall by Mr. Hinton at a price said to be \$8.50 per head. The price at which they were sold is said to have been \$13.50 and the winter was not a bad one for Mr. Hinton.

TUNNY'S BIG SALE TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY

At his ranch south west of town Saturday H. H. Tunny of the Oregon Packing Company thru Miller & Dickens, the auctioneers will dispose of the big assortment of blooded stock he has been gathering for some time past.

In the offerings will be all of his registered I. O. C. hogs as well as a lot of stock, both horses and cattle. The sale is attracting a great deal of attention and having been extensively advertised promises to set a record for private sales in this section.

VISITS CITY FOR FIRST TIME IN THIRTY YEARS

John B. Rice of Twin Falls, Idaho, an uncle of C. R. Emison of this city was in Ontario this week the guest of his nephew, Mr. Rice was in those parts 30 years ago when there was no Ontario and the city limits were devoted to the culture of Jack rabbits and sage brush. He left here and settled in the Twin Falls country and the city of Twin Falls has grown up around and on his property.

SEVEN PUPILS SEEK DECLAMATORY HONOR

SUCCESSFUL ASPIRANTS IN PRELIMINARY EFFORTS HELD IN SCHOOL LAST WEEK TO TAKE PART TUESDAY.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED

County Contest to be Held in Ontario Saturday March 31 with Representatives of all Schools in the County Present.

For the honor of representing the Ontario City schools in the county declamatory contest which is to be held here, Saturday March 31 seven pupils will take part in the local final contest at Dreamland Theatre next Tuesday evening.

These seven are the winners of the various preliminary contests which took place in the grades and High School last Thursday. Each being a winner in his or her class the final contest between them is fast reaching the exciting stage. Interest in the meeting Tuesday is running high among the pupils, both those in the contest and those who are but spectators, for all the kids have their favorite.

Those who will take part in the contest Tuesday and from whom Ontario's representative will be chosen are: Willis Hefle, Grace Marquis, John Rutherford, Mildred Poorman, Marjorie Wells, Ray Marshall and Ethel McWilliams.

Beside the contest there will be musical numbers by the high school organizations and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth McCulloch. The following is the program for the contest:

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FAIRCHILDS COMING IN LYCEUM COURSE

Concert will be held at High School Auditorium March 10—Company Highly Praised.

The fourth number on the Lyceum course, the Fairchilds will entertain the patrons at the High School Auditorium March 10. The company composed entirely of young women is highly praised. The following is what one publication had to say of their offering: The Fairchilds give an entertainment that would be called a success by the most critical audience. Their work consisted of violin, cello and piano music. They featured in some clever whistling acts in which all took part. There was some good and clever monologue and recitations and the piano instrumental were faultlessly rendered. The ladies were beautifully gowned, had very charming manners, plenty of face and gave the entertainment in a way which indicated that they were out to please. We hope the Fairchild company will again visit Sherburne, Minn.

"BACK TO THE FARM" PLEASES AUDIENCES

Rural Comedy Sprinkled with Impressive Truths is Well Presented by Boulevard Grange.

That when it comes to presenting a comedy drama over the foot lights the Boulevard Grange can produce the necessary talent, which was demonstrated last Friday and Saturday evenings when "Back to the Farm" was staged at the Boulevard Hall. Intermingled with the wit and humor of the lines there was presented many interesting truths and sparkling comment on rural and urban life. The lesson of the play was well brought out and every character was adequately handled by the cast. A number of Ontarians journeyed to the hall to see the lay and enjoy, as usual the hospitality of the grangers.